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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Sabbatino

Serial No.: 10/809,298

For: A CONNECTION ARRANGEMENT FOR OPTICAL
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Filed: March 25, 2004

Examiner: Kaveh C. Kianni

Art Unit: 2883

Confirmation No.: 1488

Customer No.: 27,623

Previous Attorney Docket No.: 36040150 US-01

Current Attorney Docket No.: 0002656USU

Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated January 25, 2006 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

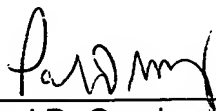
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	8	Minus	24	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	5	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				0 x \$360.00 = \$0.00		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

 A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

March 1, 2006
Date



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP Amendment, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON March 1, 2006.

Marilyn Alexander
NAME



SIGNATURE

3/1/06
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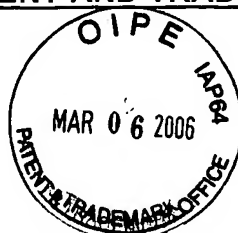
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.